



## **BIOGRAPHY (FULL VERSION)**

**Pilani Bubu** - South African Singer-Songwriter, TV Presenter & Creative Entrepreneur; is a self-funded, self-managed, self published Independent Artist in the genre of contemporary folk music. With three music releases to her name: 'Journey of a Heart' (2012) - EP, 'Warrior of Light' (2016) - Album, and Folklore - Chapter 1 (2019) - Album. Her latest album Folklore-Chapter 1 won 'Best African Adult Contemporary Album' at the 26th Edition of The South Africa Music Awards, this August 2020.

Pilani Bubu is a unique voice with a cohesive global sound and style fused with: soul, jazz, folk and funk. Her voice is old souled yet her music is so catchy. She's a storyteller at heart and fiery performer fuelled by great intent and purpose. Pilani shares her passion for music and travel, in her collaborations with local artists, and songwriting through the journey of her travels with music.

In the last 10 years as an emerging artist and performer, she has graced the stages of festivals and music venues across the world, Nigeria, Ghana, Mozambique, Kenya, United States, France, United Kingdom, Romania and her more recent highlights at the Live In Accra Jazz Festival (Ghana), Jazz on The Roof Top (Romania), and Ploiesti Jazz Festival (Romania).

In her debut years to date she has graced the stages of various festivals in SouthAfrica: the Drum Beat Festival, Grahamstown National Arts Festival, Fete De La Musique, Appetite Festival, and Stellenbosch Wine Festival. With a repertoire of music that tends to catch music compilers attention, her radio singles cross over stations both regional and national - 'Miss Understood' playlist on 45 radio stations in South Africa in 2012, 'Sweet Love' - 50 Radio Stations in 2017 and 'Boom Che on 46 Radio stations in 2018.

Pilani has also showcased her work on various Radio and TV Shows like: Espresso (SABC 3), Thursday Nite Live with Robert Marawa (Super Sport), Shift TV (SABC 2), Sisterhood (ETV), Yo-TV, Show Me Love on Moja Love TV, Afro Cafe (SABC 2), Out And About (1 Gospel), Bellas (Mozambique), Newsic Room (A24 Media Kenya), The Newsroom Africa, The Morning Show on ETV to name a few.



As a TV presenter, TV shows include: 'Out And About' on One Gospel channel on DStv channel 331 and currently: 'Design For You' on The Home Channel, DStv channel 176; now in Season 8, aired on TV and VOD in 10 African Countries, Africa TV Channel, in East and Western Europe - Slovenia TV, the Nations Carrier South African Airways as well as Amazon Prime globally.

Pilani Bubu quit her corporate job 10 years prior to pursue her music and design career, and has continued to do credible creative work in the South African Marketing & Creative Industries. She holds a degree in BComm: Law, Marketing & Business Management from the University Of Pretoria (SA), A certificate in Interior Decorating (Inscape Design College), A certificate in Musical Theatre ( New York Film Academy) and a certificate in Marketing Research Principles from Georgia University (US).

## **PERFORMANCE - VIDEO LINKS**

### **Folklore-Exclusive Rehearsal Video (15 Min)**

***A showcase of a duet performance with vocal loops and guitar loops***

**[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PgQSzzUFKHukJZR\\_Lighs7oV41KsiDZP/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PgQSzzUFKHukJZR_Lighs7oV41KsiDZP/view?usp=sharing)**

### **Folklore Full Band Performance**

**A 90 min live performance with a 5 piece band of Folklore & previous repertoire**

**[login: www.militia.computicket](http://www.militia.computicket)**

**[username: bupila@gmail.com](mailto:bupila@gmail.com)**

**[password: vmd624gp](#)**

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**Pilani Bubu - 'Diud Where's My Tune' - Bucharest, Romania**

**<https://youtu.be/UN4fYGOr8pM>**

**Baile -Pilani Bubu (Newsic Room Kenya)**

**<https://youtu.be/nwm8DZ9H4YY>**

**Boom Che - Pilani Bubu (Newsic Room Kenya)**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfLrdlYQUQ0>**

**Meet Performing Artist Pilani Bubu (Expresso)**

**<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=SN8rZVZWAw8>**

**Pilani Bubu Performs Boom Che (Expresso)**

**<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=T482Vdx2AFY>**

**Pilani Bubu performs Sweet Love (Expresso)**

**<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=SZG-bUSdtys>**

**Pilani Bubu Performs Baile (Expresso)**

**<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=HGeHy5Mb-90&t=29s>**



## **MUSIC VIDEO LINKS**

**Baile**, is a song in response to the rising statistics of absent fathers, domestic violence and abuse against women and children. - **Baile - Acoustic - Ft Kyei Rocks:** <https://youtu.be/gz-MCQLR22o>

**Uphondo Lwam** - An array of dance moves by Pilani Bubu, filmed to help you enjoy this song for all its rhythmic and expressive elements. - **Dance Video** <https://youtu.be/YnpObNek7M4>

## **RECENT PRESS LINKS**

### **SAMA Awards**

[Pilani Bubu Wins SAMA for Best African Adult Contemporary Album | Township Girl](#)  
[SINGER PILANI BUBU EXCITED ABOUT HER SAMA NOMINATION!](#) -Daily Sun  
<https://carve.africa/pilani-bubu-nominated-for-sama-26-best-african-adult-contemporary-album/>

### **MSN-Entertainment**

<https://www.msn.com/en-za/entertainment/local/pilani-bubu-speaks-about-her-new-album/ar-BB12a1sW?ocid=spartanntp>

### **IOL-Celebrity News**

<https://www.iol.co.za/entertainment/celebrity-news/local/pilani-bubu-speaks-about-her-new-album-45900895>

### **The Star News**

<https://www.iol.co.za/the-star/news/folklore-and-the-art-of-storytelling-with-pilani-bubu-43046249>

### **Just Trimmings**

[www.justtrimmings.co.za/Pilani-Bubu-documents-african-history-with-Folklore-chapter-1](http://www.justtrimmings.co.za/Pilani-Bubu-documents-african-history-with-Folklore-chapter-1)

### **Zikhipani**

<https://www.zkhipani.co.za/meet-the-multi-talented-pilani-bubu-africas-folklore-queen/>

### **Music In Africa Official**

<https://www.musicinafrica.net/magazine/sa-pilani-bubu-launch-third-album-joburg>

### **Joy FM**

<https://www.myjoyonline.com/entertainment/2019/April-28th/south-africas-pilani-bubu-opens-live-in-accra-jazz-festival-with-epic-performance.php>

### **ArtsGhana**

**The Daily Paper - Ghana**

<http://artsghana.org/live-in-accra-jazz-festival-opens-with-a-bang/>

### **The Star - Kenya**

[http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2016/05/31/photos-south-african-singer-pilani-bubu-rocks-at-maiden-nairobi-show\\_c1360901](http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2016/05/31/photos-south-african-singer-pilani-bubu-rocks-at-maiden-nairobi-show_c1360901)

### **The Star Newspaper - South Africa**





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[FESTIVALS & SHOWCASES]

- **Drum Beat Festival** (South Africa)
- **Grahamstown National Arts** (SA)
- **Stellenbosch Wine Festival** (SA)
- **Women Rising Concert** (Nigeria)
- **Jazz In The Park** (New Orleans)
- **Fete De La Musique** (South Africa)
- **Jazz In The Dark** (London)
- **123 Jazz & Grill** (Ghana)
- **The Orbit Jazz** (SA)
- **Thursday Nite Live** Nairobi (Kenya)
- **High Tide - The Achebe** (Kenya)
- **Up & Coming** (SA)
- **Cafe Istanbul** (New Orleans)
- **Irvin Mayfield's Jazz Playhouse** (New Orleans)
- **Ambients Bar** (Mozambique)
- **Bella Vida Vista** (Mozambique)
- **Venue Lounge Bar** (Mozambique)
- **Campo Di Mari** (Mozambique)
- **Maliki Lounge** (Nigeria)
- **The Lifa House** (Nigeria)

- **Montswini** (France)
- **Goliath Comedy Club** (South Africa)
- **Maxmillien** (South Africa)
- **Glenfiddich Bar** (South Africa)
- **Creole Queen** (New Orleans)
- **Nu Leo D Arte** (Mozambique)

[CORPORATES & CONFERENCES]

- A long list of companies and brands sent upon request

[PRESS LINKS & ARTICLES]

- A document of press links sent upon request

[TELEVISION SHOWCASE]

- **The Voice Top 100** (SA)
- **Expresso Breakfast Show** (SA - SABC 2)
- **Sisterhood** (SA - E tv)
- **Thursday Night Live with Robert Marawa** (SABC 1 DSTV)
- **Late Night News with Loyiso Gola**
- **Sh!t TV** (SABC 1)
- **Clash of The Choirs** (SA)
- **Out And About** (One Gospel TV)
- **Star Gist** (Ainco Magic)
- **Bellas** (Mozambique)

[RADIO SHOWCASE]

- **Kaya FM** (SA)
- **Power FM** (SA)
- **Heart FM** (SA)
- **Umhlobo We Nene** (South Africa)
- **UCT Radio** (SA)
- **VOW FM** (SA)
- **SA FM** (SA)
- **WBOK** (New Orleans)
- **Radio Galaxie** (France)
- **Radio Transperance** (France)
- **Valley FM** (South Africa)
- **Zone Radio**
- **Bush Radio**
- **Heidelberg FM**
- **Rhodes FM**

[TV HOST, MC PRESENTER]

- **Out And About - Season 1** (One Gospel - DSTV)
- **Design For You - Season 1-4** (The Home Channel - DSTV)
- **Builders - Paint With Pilani** (Digital Branded Content)
- **Builders Talks - Decorex** (Activation)
- **Unilever Digital Days** (Digital Branded Content)
- **SA FM Stage Arts Festival** (Live Activation)

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## AWARDS

### *SAMA 27 - SA Music Award*

- Best African Adult Contemporary Album
- Album: Folklore - Chapter 1, 2019 - 2020

## EDUCATION

- Boom:Law (Marketing & Business Management) - University of Pretoria, SA
- LLB: University of South Africa + Pretoria, SA
- Certificate in Marketing Research - Georgia University, US
- Certificate in Interior Design - Inscape Design College, SA

## DISCOGRAPHY

- Journey of A Heart - EP, 2012
  - *Radio Singles: Miss Understood, Whats Between Us*
- Warrior of Light, Album, 2016
  - *Radio Singles: Sweet Love, Free*
- Folklore, Chapter 1 Album, 2019
  - *Radio Singles: Baile, Boom Cher*



## **DIGITAL / SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES**

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